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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

With all the popularity and open-hearted hospitality for which President Roosevelt is justly celebrated, the social season in Washington was inaugurated at the White House on New Year's Day, with as large and as brilliant a reception as has ever been seen within its walls. All the officials of the government, and the general public by the thousands, crowded to pay their respects to the first gentleman of the land, who received each one graciously. Even the weather was faultless; a cloudless sky, with the mercury marking 75 degrees, thus ignoring the official prediction of "rain or snow." The army and navy officers formed at the war office and marched in long columns from the building. Among the new diplomats present, for the first time were the British ambassador and the new minister from the infant republic of Panama. Mrs. Roosevelt stood by her husband's side while the public filed past, as glad to see and greet the common people as the officials. She was robed in a rich white satin dress, the front broadly richly ornamented with seed pearl embroidery. The waist, cut square in the neck, was also embroidered, as were the wide shoulder bands from which fell fluffy chiffon angel sleeves parting at the elbow. Pearls for ornaments. Mrs. Alice Roosevelt, also in white, stood behind her mother. The president looked anxious and weary, but greeted each visitor with a smile and a shake of the hands. The White House was decked in Christmas greens, and impressed one with its atmosphere of elegance, refinement and home-like quality. The President and Mrs. Roosevelt were so frank and hearty in their welcome to all visitors that the public is charmed with the simplicity and sincerity of the republican court. This example has had its influence upon Washington society, and in no other city can be found more democratic or hospitable hosts. After the official reception the people hurried away to attend the other receptions given by cabinet, ministers, Admiral Dewey, and other high officials. The happy admiral surrounded himself with thirty young ladies from naval households, and his parlors were thronged with men in uniform, reminding one of a battle ship clearing for action. On the same day Mrs. Root gave her last reception; Mrs. Cortelyou gave her first, and Mr. Moody, secretary of navy, being a bachelor, gave none.

During January each member of the cabinet will give a dinner to the president, and afterwards he returns the compliment, having also for his guests the Supreme Court judges, the senators, the foreign ambassadors, officers of the army and navy, and various other notable folk. The old custom of keeping open house has been renewed in Washington and now society, clubs, and churches give receptions.

The brief days of the winter season are made long and cheerful by the numerous entertainments. Strangers are superbly received, and they come from all quarters and are of all degrees. No less than one thousand school teachers were in Washington from New York and New Jersey during the holidays. College boys, young society ladies of prominence, foreigners of distinction, leading politicians, authors, artists, all find their element in the Federal city. Gov. Taft of the Philippines is to be dined by Secretary Root, whom he succeeds, on the 29th inst. Mrs. John B. McLean has given a dinner to the daughters of Hamilton Fish of New York and Ex-Gov. Walcott of Mass. The ball room was lined with rare old tapestries from the Barberis Palace, Rome. Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh who has the happiness of living in the largest, newest and most costly residence in Washington, has given a ball in compliment to Alice Roosevelt and Miss Walsh. Dancing at 10 o'clock in the great ball room on the top floor, followed by a supper and collation at which costly foyers were distributed, lace fans for the women and gold pencils for the men.

The peace and prosperity which has come to the nation with expansion and Panama is reflected in the merry life of the national capital. While the favored children of well-to-do parents were being entertained by the president, a thousand others, offspring of the working people, babies of those employed on the city railroads, were taken to the Masonic Temple and treated to a program of tricks, songs, marionettes, and a real Santa Claus, who loaded their hands

with toys, candies, and all kinds of fruits. The president of the railway company did this graceful deed.

At all times the warm-hearted southern people in Washington are social and hospitable, but it takes cold weather to unite them in good cheer. The Mt. Vernon Place church, which boasts members from every southern state, sent out a thousand invitations for New Year and held a large reception. A special booth was erected for each southern state, decorated with greens and the state flags. The Texas booth was covered with cotton and the one for South Carolina displayed palmetto hats in a row. Justice and Mrs. Oliver Wendell Holmes have given a housewarming. The new British Ambassador and Lady Durand have extended their hospitalities to the diplomatic corps.

The Chicago holocaust has compelled an overhauling of all the theaters in this city, and a vigorous inspection.

There is less excitement today at the Russian and Japanese legations in this city because of the announcement that Russia has postponed for two weeks her answer to the Japanese demand. But the delay may not mean peace.

The Naval Observatory here announced the beginning of the New Year by telegraph to every city in the country, ticking off the exact second when its first hour commenced. The record was even in Alaska, Guam, and the Philippines.

Anti-imperialists claim that they are not dead yet, having been galvanized into activity by the conduct of our "emperor" in Panama, and they boldly bring forward as their candidate for the presidency before the democratic convention, Gen. Nelson A. Miles. His strength is not of that kind which anti-imperialists usually prefer, being wholly military and even pugnaeous, but it is insisted that he would poll some votes because he got himself reprimanded by the president for imprudent conduct. Miles is a Massachusetts man, and Gamaliel Bradford thinks he would carry the state. Whether he would carry the south in view of the fact that he put shackles upon Jefferson Davis is another question. However, it is generally believed that Jefferson Davis is dead.

The Wonderful Hen!

The hen may not carry an overload of brains in her little head, but as a farmer she sizes up big in the aggregate. In the United States she rolls up a total product valued at about \$300,000,000 a year, compared with \$233,000,000 for the swine, \$170,000,000 for the sheep, and \$197,000,000 for the mules of the country. Not only does she beat the swine, sheep and mule as an earner, but her yearly product of \$300,000,000 stands ahead of oats with \$208,000,000, barley with \$24,000,000, rye with \$13,000,000, buckwheat with \$6,000,000, and potatoes with \$1,000,000. She earns yearly for Illinois \$21,000,000, for Iowa \$20,000,000, for Ohio \$19,000,000, for Missouri \$18,000,000, for Pennsylvania \$18,000,000, for Indiana \$15,000,000, for New York \$14,000,000, for Kansas \$14,000,000, and for Michigan \$11,000,000. She produces more than the gold mines or the silver mines of the republic. In short, the Hen is it!

The Cold Weather

As a matter of reference, as well as present interest, we give some thermometer readings of Tuesday morning, Jan. 5th. Milford 27°, Honesdale 33°, Hawley 31°, Kimbles 28°, Deposit 24°, Monticello 17°, Dingmans 37°, Flatrockville, N. J., 23°. Wednesday morning was not quite so frigid, but too cold by far for June bugs. The weather this week will go down to local history as being the severest within the recollection or any one in these parts.

Saved From Terrible Death

The family of Mrs. M. I. Bobbitt of Hagerstown, Tenn., saw her dying and were powerless to save her. The most skilled physicians and every remedy used, failed, while consumption was slowly but surely taking her life. In this terrible hour Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption turned disaster into joy. The first bottle brought immediate relief and its continued use completely cured her. It's the most certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at all drug stores.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

Roscoe Gouley of Newark is visiting his family on Centre Square.

Vivian Strathern has enlisted for three years in the U. S. Engineering corps.

Mrs. H. W. Buchanan of Yorkers, N. Y., visited recently in Dingman township.

Mrs. Isabelle Latimore entertained a company of friends very pleasantly New Year.

The Misses Ann and Alice Baker went this week to Philadelphia for a visit with relatives.

Jacob Dawitt, one of the oldest residents in this place, is seriously ill at his home on Water street.

Howard Reed, M. D., of Bethlehem, Pa., visited his parents at the Anchorage for a few days recently.

Harold Armstrong, who has been visiting his parents over the holidays, returned to his school, Blair Hall, Tuesday.

The Misses Blanche Cross, Bertha and Pamela Reed and Miss Harland expect soon to depart for a trip to the continent.

Mrs. C. W. Ball and Mrs. M. C. Nye of Bushkill expect to start next week for a visit with the latter's daughter, Mrs. Rabner, in Florida.

Miss Emily Mitchell entertained a number of friends at a party last Friday evening and the same evening a goodly number of guests enjoyed a dance at the Anchorage.

Dudley Ryman and Miss Lillian Buchanan were in Deckertown recently to afford the congregation of Rev. C. E. Scudder the pleasure of hearing their excellent voices in some musical compositions.

Mr. and Mrs. George Weightman of Brooklyn, parents of Mrs. Jas. P. Van Etten of this place, expect to leave February 2 by the steamship Auguste Victoria for a trip to the Orient. They will go to the Mediterranean and as far east as Beyrouth.

About fifteen young friends of Miss Bessie Armstrong tendered her a very pleasant surprise last Friday evening. She returned this week to Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., where she is a student.

Many persons are ignorant on the points of etiquette that relate to the answering of invitations. Frequently, on account of uncertainty as to the proper time or wording of a reply one is made to appear rude, when such was far from the intention. Like all the prescribed forms of good manners, these are based on the principles of courtesy and consideration toward others. The rules are simple, but in certain details invariable, and anyone who wishes to move in good circles must thoroughly understand them. In The Delineator for February there is an article on the subject that can be consulted with entire confidence as to its reliability.

Real Estate Transfers

Royal Hamer to Annie A. Campbell, 100 acres, Rebecca Phillips, Lebanon, \$1.
John Klein, Jr., to Edward J. Field, agreement for sale of 104 acres, Greene, \$1100.
Carleton A. Smith, sheriff, to Solomon Newman, property of Milford Cold Spring Water Company, \$130. Deed dated Aug. 12 1876.
Cady J. Newman and others to Milford Water Company, assignment of above deed.
Eva J. Rogers to Estella M. Ross, lands in Wayne and Pike, Collingwood property, 4000 acres, \$1.
Unclaimed Letters
Last of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending Jan. 2, 1904:
Mrs. G. Glade, Mrs. Dora Haestings, Mrs. John Wellawka, Harry Schoonover, Geo. E. Hamber, Roy J. H. Windler.
Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.
CHARLES LANTHORN, P. M.
A Very Close Call
"I stacked to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it, I felt as well as ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by all druggists. Price 50 cents.

THE HEAVENS IN JANUARY

Though the bright planets which have added so much to the evening skies for the past few months are now disappearing early in the west, the winter heavens still present a spectacle of great magnificence. In identifying the constellations which we can now see, let us begin with Orion, which is nearly due south at 5 o'clock in the evening during the middle of the month. This splendid constellation is familiar to almost everyone, and need not be described here. The line of Orion's belt, continued downward and to the left, points to Sirius, which can be recognized by its great brightness, three times that of any other star we ever see. Below it is the rest of Canis Major, with several bright second-magnitude stars that would be conspicuous if they were not so low. Some distance to the left, and higher up, is Procyon the other dog star, and farther on in the same direction is Gemini, with its twin stars Castor and Pollux.

A line from Betelgeuse—the bright red star in Orion—through Procyon, continued about an half as far again, points out the head of Hydra, a small but fairly conspicuous group. Farther north and lower down is Regulus, at the end of the sickle of Leo. Cancer, which lies between Leo and Gemini, has nothing of interest except the star-cluster known as Praesepe, which is easily visible on a moonless night as a small patch of milky light, while separate components are disclosed by a field glass. Directly below Orion, and level with Sirius, is the small constellation Lepus. Still lower is Columba, with one fairly bright star, which lies about as far from Sirius on one side as Procyon does on the other. The large region to the right of these groups is occupied by the inconspicuous constellation Eridanus.

Orion's belt, continued upward, points to Aldebaran, and beyond nearly to the Pleiades. Above these, and very nearly overhead, is Auriga, whose principal star, Capella, is the brightest, next to Sirius, that we can now see.

Aries is almost due west of the zenith, at an altitude of about 50 deg south, and west of it is Cetus, which fills most of the southwestern sky.

The great square of Pegasus stands on one corner low down in the west, and the line of stars which extends from it through Andromeda and Perseus to Capella is nearly vertical. Cygnus is just setting in the northwest, but its brightest star is still visible.

Of the circumpolar constellations, Cassiopeia is high on the left of the pole, Cepheus lower down, Draco and Ursa Minor right below the pole, and Ursa Major coming up on the right.

A Hotel Burned

The Keyatons Hotel at Lackawaxen, George A. Elston proprietor, was burned with nearly all its contents the evening of December 31st. The fire originated either in the tank room on the third story or in the bath room directly under it and was caused by the explosion of a lamp. Mr. Elston had, during the past year, expended considerable in improving the property and his loss which he estimates at \$12,000 is only partly covered by insurance.

A Pointer for Justices

Just after the war an old darky came up to the governor and said: "Marster, kin you make me justice of de peace?" "Uncle Ned thought deeply. "Marster, I'd make him pay de costs ob de court and support de child!"—Lippincott's Magazine (December).

At a meeting of the Milford Fire Department held Tuesday evening the following named were elected for the ensuing year:
Chief—Thomas Armstrong.
1st Assistant—Dunham Gregory.
2nd Assistant—B. E. Brown.
Secretary—W. A. H. Mitchell.
Treasurer—W. T. Struble.
Janitor—John McCarty.

Domestic Trouble

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in stomach and liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. 50c at all drug stores.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

John J. Kanta, a town councilman of Stroudsburg, died Monday.

The mountain express on the Erie will in future be run as a solid vestibuled train.

The trial of George Jagger for the shooting of Mrs. Victor Boyan has been postponed until February.

By a collision on the Rock Island railroad near Topeka, Kansas, Wednesday thirty persons were killed.

Barbara Kelta, aged 95, was burned to death Tuesday in her home near Branchville. She lived alone.

Edwin McMurray has been appointed by the town council a member of the borough board of health.

Jury Commissioners L. B. Hissam and John S. Durant appointed C. P. Mott clerk Monday and proceeded to fill the wheel.

Miss Gladys Barnett, who has just returned from a visit to Europe, spent the holidays with the family of Dr. H. B. Reed.

In Butler, Pa., there have been 1,270 cases of typhoid fever and 58 deaths. The epidemic was begun by pollution of the water supply.

Three men have been arrested in Wayne county and fined \$25 for fishing illegally with top-ups. Pick-orel were found in their possession.

The Atlanta Constitution says New Yorkers have been going to see "Parsifal" to find out whether it was a new religion or a cereal breakfast food.

County Auditors P. C. Kinkel, Wm. Clune and A. H. Down met Monday and after organizing by electing J. F. Terwilliger clerk began their duties.

Roswell Dornida, living at Hantsville, Sussex County, N. J., after a quarrel, shot and killed his wife, New Year's Eve, and then shot himself. Jealousy was the cause.

Tuesday morning the thermometer is reported to have registered 36° below zero at Bushkill. In the central part of the state the weather ranged from 28° at Mauch Chunk to 53 deg. at Picketts, Sullivan county.

The farm house on premises of J. H. Van Etten in Delaware township, occupied by E. H. Albright, caught fire last Sunday afternoon, probably from the chimney, and with most of Albright's furniture was burned.

The firemen's supper held last week was well attended and successful financially. The edibles were excellent and enjoyed by all. The dance held in Brown's Hall, though a very pleasant occasion, did not pay expenses.

District Attorney Bull, not realizing the extreme cold, permitted one of his ears to hang out too long last Sunday morning and it was assaulted by Mr. Jack Frost who bit it quite severely. There will be no arrest, however.

OBITUARY

MRS. CHRISTINA OET

Mrs. Oet, relict of the late John Oet, who died May 24, 1901, departed this life at the home of her son, William, in Montague, N. J., Saturday, January 3d, aged about 70 years. She was born and married in Germany, and came to this country with her husband in the early fifties and has since resided in this section.

Surviving her are two daughters, Christina, wife of T. Gregor of Newark, Matilda, wife of John Galweiner of Waterbury, Conn., Mrs. of New York, William and Abram of Montague, and one sister, Mrs. Rebecca Metcalder of this place. The funeral was held Monday.

MRS. HENRIETTA WILSON

Information has reached here, but without particulars, of the death of Mrs. Henrietta Wilson, formerly Haggerty, at Rochester, about two weeks ago.

She was born in this place which was her residence until she married some years ago and went to Waverly, N. Y., and was a daughter of the late David W. and Sophia Haggerty. She is survived by one son, Paul, by one brother, Mark, of New York, and one sister, Mary, wife of Edward Cahill of this town.

A Long Maned Horse

A marvellously maned mare, whose wealth of silver-gray hair reaches a length of eighteen feet, and surpasses anything of the kind ever heard of in equine history, is owned by George O. Zillgitt, of Inglewood, Cal., who purchased her seven years ago, when she was three years old. At that time her mane was of ordinary length, and it was not until a year later that it began to grow with unusual rapidity. For a number of years this horse was used on the Zillgitt farm in North Dakota. During that time the mane was kept in a net, and was seldom taken down oftener than once a year. The heavy plow collar rubbed against and injured the back part of the mane, but the upper part still remains, and trails out in gorgeous waves of silver when unbound from the braids that are so necessary to keep it from getting tangled. No one has been able to account for this superfluity of hair. The animal has not been given special care. She has been treated quite like an ordinary horse, and the extraordinary growth is simply the result of some strange prank of nature. A month ago Mr. Zillgitt took the horse to California, where she is being used in the family carriage. She is the mother of a colt that seems destined to be even more famous than her parent. Though only a few months old, this colt possesses both mane and tail that reach to the ground.

Coldest Here Ever Known

The weather started on a regular rampage last Saturday, when snow fell, accompanied with a gale of wind, to the depth of several inches and the mercury in thermometers began descending toward the bulb. This tendency became more pronounced until the climax was reached Tuesday morning, Jan. 5, when several thermometers in town registered 24° below and reports from places near by say that it went to 37° below. This is the coldest weather ever experienced here within the recollection of any inhabitant and the coldest by far of any recorded. All over the country it was the same in kind though varying somewhat in degree. Railroad trains were greatly delayed and the cold snap was unparalleled in its general extent and the amount of inconvenience and suffering it caused.

So much complaint is made because eggs are so high that we give a recipe to make hens lay, for which John Kernell, the Irish comedian, who died recently, paid \$2. "To make a hen lay. The stout string around the hen's body, lay the bird on her side on a board and fasten the string underneath. If it is thought desirable, a pillow may be placed under the hen's head."

Wonderful Nerve

Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental wounds, cuts, bruises, burns, scales, sore foot or stiff joints. But there's no need for it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best salve on earth for piles, too. 25c at all druggists.

Wise and Otherwise

It is thought that the Judge Parker boom is a mere resonance. It is now understood that the voters are to have something to say about the next election. It is announced that since Mr. Bryan's European tour he has become more liberal. Room! Senator Gorham, Judge Parker or some other democrat will undoubtedly receive the nomination. That deaf mute who was introduced to the president the other day was one of the few who did not ask for office. In his instructions to the Indian Office to get some results out of the frauds question, President Roosevelt told them to cut red tape and inject red blood into their methods.

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The Spirit of Winter

The Spirit of Winter is with us, making its presence known in many different ways—sometimes by heavy sunshine and glistening snows, and sometimes by driving winds and blinding storms. To many people it seems to take a delight in making things worse, for rheumatism twists harder, twinges sharper, catarrh becomes more annoying, and the many symptoms of scrofula are developed and aggravated. There is not much poetry in this, but there is truth, and it is a wonder that more people don't get rid of these ailments. The medicine that cures them—Hood's Sarsaparilla—is easily obtained and there is abundant proof that its cures are radical and permanent.

Auction sale of furniture, household goods, etc., at De Plasse Cottage on Saturday, Jan. 16th, 11 a. m.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

No one can complain about the weather not being cold. If the old settler could have been here a few mornings the past week even he would have been satisfied.

Three fires on farms lately around here, two of them being caused by defective chimneys should put builders on their guard.

C. H. & L. Co. No. 1 hold their regular meeting tonight. Gathering ice is a job of the past. Shoveling snow and cutting wood have taken its place.

The supper and dance given by the fire department was not a success financially. The expenses incurred were too heavy. A year ago when the supper was furnished by the ladies of this town the expenses to the department were next to nothing. But the boys felt delicate about asking the public again for free contributions, hence the deficiency, which would not exist even now if more liberal support had been given to the boys who are always ready and willing to get out at the tolling of the bell.

The closing of the Delaware at Matamoras has been considerable trouble to those who are compelled to go to Port Jervis. By way of Jersey seems now about the only safe, but long about route.

Beer and Lamberger sandwiches is what the boys got who attended the last serenade.

A snow bank may be soft, but a darned poor place to sleep off a jag! It is about time to build the Milford and Matamoras R. R.

The week of prayer seemed to be pretty well observed judging by the number who attended the services every evening. The trial of George Jagger of Sandyston, which was to have taken place at Newton next Monday has been adjourned until in February.

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